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SUBJECT: STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN COLON

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1. AT APPROXIMATELY 10:45 A.M. MAY 19, A CROWD OF ABOUT 200 STUDENTS GATHERED IN FRONT OF THE Y.M.C.A. IN COLON CITY. CROWD DISPLAYED BANNERS AND CHANTED SOME ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGANS. GN (GUARDIA NACIONAL) UNITS ARRIVED AND DISPERSED CROWD WITH TEAR GAS.

2. DEMONSTRATORS RETREATED BACK INTO THE CENTER OF THE CITY TO REGROUP. AN ESTIMATED 1,000 DEMONSTRATORS FORMED ABOUT 11:30 AND MARCHED TO BORDER OF CANAL ZONE, BUT REMAINED ON PERIPHERY CHANTING SLOGANS. CROWD AGAIN WAS DISPERSED, BUT THIS TIME BY TORRENTIAL RAINSTORM AT 12:30 P.M.

3. COMMENT: FIRST INDICATIONS ARE THAT DEMONSTRATIONS INSTIGATED BY FEP (FEDERATION OF PANAMANIAN STUDENTS), GN USE OF TEAR GAS TO DISPERSE CROWD MAY INDICATE THAT DEMONSTRATORS ACTED WITHOUT CONSENT OF GOP, BUT MORE LIKELY WAS AN OVER-REACTION BY COLON GN UNITS TO KEEP
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